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## ***Fifteen-Year Sentence for Child Sexual Abuse***

**BISMARCK** - Acting United States Attorney Lynn Jordheim announced that on August 23, 2010, **Francis M. Baker, Jr.**, 36, of McLaughlin, South Dakota, was sentenced before United States District Court Judge Daniel L. Hovland on a charge of aggravated sexual abuse of a child.

Judge Hovland sentenced Baker to 15 years in federal prison, to be followed by 10 years of supervised release. Baker must pay a \$100 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund. Baker was ordered to register as a sex offender.

Baker pleaded guilty to the charge on May 18, 2010. Baker admitted that from between September 1995 to August 2002, on the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation, he engaged in a sexual act with a child under 12 years of age.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Northern Plains Children's Advocacy Center.

The United States Attorney's Office prosecuted this case under the Project Safe Childhood Initiative.

Assistant United States Attorney Gary Delorme prosecuted the case.

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